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- 1. Credit Card Payment PTO-2038;
- 2. Fee Transmittal (PTO/SB/17);
- 3. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (PTO/SB/30);
- 4. Seventh Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
- 5. Three (3) pages of Form PTO-1449 citing nine (9) documents;
- 6. Copies of nine (9) cited documents; and
- 7. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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